



## RESOLUTION

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URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A KOBAN PILOT PROJECT AT THE MOTHER WALDRON NEIGHBORHOOD PARK.

WHEREAS, a koban is the Japanese concept of a small local police station that serves as a base from which police officers can manage public security and patrol the community; and

WHEREAS, kobans are usually very small buildings that house officers from the community police affairs section and where local residents and visitors can receive police assistance, file complaints, report crimes, and resolve some simple bureaucratic issues; and

WHEREAS, there are often many kobans located in large metropolitan areas, such as Tokyo, which has 1,000 kobans spread throughout the city and its residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the extensive network of koban in Japan has sometimes been credited for Japan's low crime and murder rates; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Kakaako neighborhood has undergone significant redevelopment and revitalization and has increasingly drawn to the area more locals and visitors, some of whom come to the area simply to take pictures of Kakaako's "wall art"; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2018 a particularly brutal assault on Japanese tourists occurred at the Mother Waldron Neighborhood Park comfort station, prompting the Consulate General of Japan to issue a warning to Japanese visitors to be cautious when visiting the Kakaako neighborhood in general, and Mother Waldron Neighborhood Park in particular; and

WHEREAS, due to ongoing issues with crime at the Mother Waldron Neighborhood Park, the City and County of Honolulu has contracted a private security company to close and lock its comfort station and parking lot at night and to help patrol the area for illegal activity around the clock; and

WHEREAS, despite the contracted private security guards, local residents and businesses continue to be concerned with crime and illegal activity at the Mother Waldron Neighborhood Park and in the Kakaako neighborhood; and



**CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 20-51

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that establishing a koban pilot project at the Mother Waldron Neighborhood Park would significantly decrease crime and illegal activity in the area, ease the concerns of residents and businesses, and help ensure the safety of visitors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the City Administration is urged to establish a koban pilot project at the Mother Waldron Neighborhood Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that consideration be given to staffing the koban with volunteer police officers and park rangers in order to be efficient in the use of Honolulu Police Department personnel and still effective in providing safety, security, and assistance for locals and visitors; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the City's Mayor, the Managing Director, the Chief of Police and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Ann Koyanishi*  
*Carol Fukuoka*

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**FEB 19 2020**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
C E R T I F I C A T E

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Introduced: 02/19/20 By: ANN KOBAYASHI  
CAROL FUKUNAGA

Committee: PARKS, COMMUNITY  
SERVICES AND  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AFFAIRS

Title: RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A KOBAN PILOT PROJECT AT THE MOTHER  
WALDRON NEIGHBORHOOD PARK.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

02/25/20	PARKS, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	CR-73 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION. 3 AYES: ELEFANTE, KOBAYASHI, TSUNEYOSHI. 1 EXCUSED: PINE.
03/18/20	COUNCIL	CANCELLED AND NOT CONSIDERED.
05/20/20	COUNCIL	CR-73 AND RESOLUTION 20-51 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER